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Admission of the International Criminal Court to membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

Letter dated 16 September 2003 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to request, in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the inclusion in the agenda of the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly of an additional item entitled "Admission of the International Criminal Court to membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund", an item which should be allocated to the Fifth Committee.

Pursuant to rule 20 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, I am attaching a brief explanatory memorandum to the present letter (see annex).

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Annex to the Letter dated 16 September 2003 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

Explanatory memorandum

At its July 2002 session, the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, the supervisory organ for the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (UNJSPF), decided to authorize its Standing Committee to consider in 2003 an application for UNJSPF membership that might be received from the International Criminal Court (ICC). In paragraph 4 of its resolution 57/286 of 20 December 2002, the General Assembly, inter alia, noted that the Board had considered the possible application by the International Criminal Court to become a member organization of the Fund and that a formal application would be submitted to the Standing Committee in 2003, with possible membership to take effect on 1 January 2004.

A formal application for UNJSPF membership was subsequently submitted by ICC on 11 April 2003. That application met the requirements for eligibility to UNJSPF membership, which are specified in article 3 of the UNJSPF regulations as adopted by the General Assembly.

At its 186th meeting, held at United Nations Headquarters from 7 to 11 July 2003, the Standing Committee, acting on behalf of the Board, agreed by consensus to make to the General Assembly the "affirmative recommendation", required under article 3c of the UNJSPF regulations, that the Court be admitted to UNJSPF membership, effective 1 January 2004. It is therefore requested that the General Assembly decide at its current fifty-eighth session to admit ICC into UNJSPF, effective 1 January 2004.